

BRYAN STANDS BY COLOMBIAN PACT

Secretary Issues Statement in Which Name of Roosevelt Is Not Mentioned.

Washington, D. C., July 31.—A second formal statement in defense of the proposed Colombian treaty was issued last night by Secretary Bryan. Without mentioning Colonel Roosevelt, Mr. Bryan replied to arguments advanced by the former president in his attacks upon the administration's proposal to pay Colombia \$25,000,000 in settlement of claims growing out of the separation of Panama and acquisition of the canal zone by the United States.

Reiterating his declaration that in considering the treaty it is not necessary to examine into the merits of the controversy over the action of the United States in 1903, the secretary urged that even if the United States in acquiring the canal zone was exercising a right of eminent domain, it was not relieved of liability for actual damages resulting to Colombia.

Colonel Roosevelt recently asked the senate foreign relations committee to hear a statement from him before reporting the pending treaty. Chairman Stone replied that if the committee decided to pass upon the convention at this session it would be glad to hear from the colonel, but the general understanding is that the matter will go over until December.

Secretary Bryan's statement follows:

"In considering the treaty with Colombia, laid before the senate for ratification, it is not necessary to examine into the merits of the controversy relating to the action of the United States in 1903. The present treaty deals with the situation as it presents itself today, and is fully justified, no matter what theory one may adopt as to the course pursued by our nation in connection with the separation of Panama from Colombia. It is contended by some that the action taken by the United States was based upon the necessities of the case, and those necessities, as stated by those who take this position, are that Colombia was not able to build the canal herself and was not willing to sell to the United States upon reasonable terms the right to build the canal.

"Those who take this position put the United States in the attitude of exercising the right of eminent domain in the interests of the world's commerce, but the exercise of the right of eminent domain does not relieve those who exercise it of liability for actual damages suffered. Take, for illustration, the condemning of a block of ground for a public building. Suppose that every lot owner excepting one is willing to sell his land to the government at its market value, but that one of the lot owners, whose lot is necessary to the erection of the building, asks more than the land is worth. The government proceeds to condemn the property, but it does not attempt to escape from the payment of what the land is actually worth, and the actual value of the property is not reduced one dollar by an effort that the owner may make to obtain for it more than its worth.

"If it is contended that the price offered by the United States prior to Panama's separation was a reasonable one, and that Colombia ought to have accepted it, that valuation cannot be reduced merely because Colombia was not willing to accept the offer. The price then offered was approximately \$17,500,000 (\$10,000,000 cash and \$7,500,000 a year for a hundred years, which could be capitalized at \$7,500,000). But when this price was offered it was understood that Colombia would retain the state of Panama and have the advantage to be derived from proximity to the canal. What justice or fairness can there be in the proposition that Colombia, having refused to accept a fair price, is not entitled to any dam-

PRINCE ALEXANDER IS LIKELY TO BE REAL WAR LEADER OF SERBIAN ARMY



Prince Alexander.

While King Peter the aged ruler of Serbia who some time ago gave up the cares of statecraft and retired from the throne, has now announced that he will personally lead the army of the Serbs, it is likely that his son, the crown prince, who has been acting prince, will continue in reality in power. Crown Prince Alexander did gallant work on the battlefield during the Balkan war, winning the commendation of all those who witnessed his fearlessness. Prince Alexander is a younger son of King Peter and became crown prince in 1908 when his brother George renounced his right to the throne.

ages at all? The payment of the \$25,000,000 provided for in the treaty now before the senate is only a reasonable compensation for the damages actually suffered—damages that ought to be paid, no matter what theory one adopts in regard to the action of the United States or the action of Colombia in 1903. The above argument is based upon the theory adopted by those who say Colombia was entirely in the wrong in refusing to accept the offer made by the United States, but it must be remembered that this theory is disputed by the people of Colombia, who defended the position their government then took and who have ever since asked that the controversy be arbitrated by some impartial tribunal.

"The reopening at this time of the original controversy is not only unnecessary, but objectionable; first, because it diverts attention from the present situation with which we have to deal, and second, because it would revive both here and in Colombia the very feeling of unfriendliness which it is desirable to allay. The treaty is intended to restore friendship and good will between these nations, and this can be done by dealing with the situation as it now presents itself without renewing the discussion as to the merits of the positions originally taken by the two governments respectively.

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To all whom it may concern, and to all the stockholders of Rock Island Savings Trust Company, an Illinois corporation, of Rock Island, Illinois.

You and each of you are hereby notified that a special meeting of the stockholders of Rock Island Savings Trust Company is hereby called to be held at the banking office of said Rock Island Savings Trust Company, number 231 Eighteenth street in the city of Rock Island, Illinois, at the hour of ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon of the eighteenth day of August, A. D. 1914, for the purpose of considering and acting upon a proposition to consolidate said Rock Island Savings Trust Company with the Rock Island Savings Bank, a corporation, and under and pursuant to the banking laws of the State of Illinois, and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully be transacted at such meeting.

Dated at Rock Island, Illinois, this fifteenth day of July, A. D. 1914.

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HARRISON NAILS DOWN VICE LID

Chicago Mayor Revokes Four Saloon Licenses and Police Chief Gets Busy.

Chicago, Ill., July 31.—Chicago's vice "lid" was nailed down yesterday.

Part of the process of eliminating vice was occasioned by the return of Mayor Harrison to the city and the revocation of the saloon licenses of four notorious cafes. Another cause was a transfer order issued by Chief Gleason making several changes in the police department.

The chief created two new police districts. The Cottage Grove avenue precinct was made a district and Captain Thomas J. Coughlin was assigned to it. The Lake street precinct was treated the same way, Captain Thomas F. Costello being assigned there.

The forming of the new districts will place captains in direct charge of districts where vice has been known to flourish in the last few months.

Mayor Harrison's action toward Freiberg's dance hall and Colosimo's cafe, he said, would depend on how the courts decided the cases now pending against the places for violation of the 1 o'clock closing law.

"I want to say," said the mayor, "that Chicago the night Detective Birns was killed was more free of vice than any city over 50,000 population in the country.

"I am sorry that Captain Ryan got into trouble, because he repeatedly asked to be transferred from the Twenty-second street district. The entire police department, I think, is to be given praise for the work it has done, along with Major Funkhouser's staff, in keeping vice suppressed.

"You can depend on it that I will do everything I can to help out in ridding the city of vice districts and undesirable places. I must say, however, that I think the police department in all its branches has done good work along these lines."

to realize a little on its investment as regards the new machine for testing various classes of building material. Various outside towns, among them being Walcott and Princeton, have asked the privilege of testing materials on the Davenport machine. At the next council meeting Alderman Nebergall expects to introduce a resolution favoring the charge of a nominal fee for outsiders securing tests.

Workman is Injured in Dynamite Blast.—Joe Redish, 1319 West Third street, was seriously injured at the site of the new Independence Baking company plant on Rockingham road yesterday when a dynamite blast hurled an immense boulder against his leg, fracturing the member. The victim was removed to his home in the city ambulance and given medical attention. In addition to a broken leg, he was badly cut and bruised about the body by flying fragments of rock.

Women to Wage War.—Davenport women expect to wage war upon the man who spits on the sidewalk. Yesterday afternoon a delegation from the Woman's club visited Health Officer Mullen at the city hall, asking him to take up the fight. The ladies want the city to print large signs in big type forbidding the practice, which they claim to be a filthy one. The ladies expressed their intention of appearing before the committee of the whole at the next regular meeting, at which time the aid and sympathy of the aldermen will be enlisted.

Hold-Up Victims not Davenporters.—No confirmation can be found in the report that two Davenporters, Frank and Russell Bole, were among the victims of the state coach robbery in Yellowstone park. There is no record of sale of tickets to the two parties at the railway stations here and neither is listed in any city directory.

Earns 20c and Beats Wife to Celebrate.—William Bishop has been in hard luck. For some time past he has been unable to land a job, being met on every side by refusals and rebuffs. Wednesday marked an epoch in his "jobless" career. He was hired to help unload a car of bananas for which he received the munificent sum of 20 cents. Upon receiving his pay, William invested it judiciously in two drinks of whisky. Upon arriving home, he was a decidedly happy frame of mind. His wife works out by the day and when she appeared on the scene Bishop was so overjoyed at seeing her, that he proceeded to beat her up, he was given a 10-day sentence on an assault and battery charge.

Thieves Steal Brass From Engines.—The aid of the Davenport police has been enlisted by officials of the D. R. I. & N. W. railroad in running to earth a gang of thieves, which has been carrying on operations in the local yards for several weeks past. A letter in regard of the matter was received by Chief of Police Hans Schramm, who immediately detailed plain clothes men on the case. It is claimed that hundreds of dollars worth of brass parts have been stolen from engines on the front street tracks west of Gaines. Railway special agents have been unable to clear up the case thus far.

Two Bankers in Narrow Escape.—L. J. Yaggy, cashier of the First National bank and treasurer of the Iowa Masonic Grand lodge, together with George L. Schoonover, Deputy Grand Master of Iowa and president of the Anamosa National bank and of the Schoonover Trust company of Anamosa, had a narrow escape from a serious automobile accident.

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which they were traveling from Iowa City to West Liberty broke a rear axle and threw a rear wheel. Only quick action on the part of Mr. Schoonover, who was driving, brought the machine to a sudden halt and prevented it from overturning. The men were to have taken a prominent part in the cornerstone laying exercises at the New West Liberty Masonic temple Wednesday. Mr. Schoonover was to have sprinkled the stone with corn and oil and Mr. Yaggy to have deposited the records in the metal box inside the stone as part of the Masonic ceremonial. They were delayed four hours by the breakdown and were unable to be present at the exercises.

Man Wants to Leap Off Putnam Building.—"This is Wiseman of Rock Island," came a voice over the telephone at the mayor office yesterday morning. "I want to get permission from the city to jump off the roof of the Putnam building at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning." The mayor's secretary informed the applicant the matter would be taken up with the chief of police. Chief Schramm was opposed to the granting of the permit. He claimed if anything went amiss and someone in the crowd below was injured, the city would be responsible. Wiseman wanted to make the leap with a parachute. "There's too much danger of somebody getting hurt in the crowd on the street," said the chief. "If he wants to jump off any building, let him do it off the court house roof so he can land on the grass." As a result of the discussion Wiseman was informed that the city would not grant the permit.

Obituary Record.—Lucretia Ann Boynton Hooper, wife of T. N. Hooper died at the family home, corner Fourteenth street and Grand avenue. Deceased was born in Sullivan, N. H., June 1, 1832, and was therefore 82 years of age. She was married to T. N. Hooper at Watertown, Mass., March 4, 1857. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1907. Mrs. Hooper was the mother of seven children, 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. The husband and five of her children survive, George Warren Hooper, Joseph G. Hooper and Mrs. Lizzie B. Dolan of San Francisco, Cal., Mrs. Annie L. Gould and Frank B. Hooper of Davenport. A sister, Mrs. George Parker, of Watertown, Mass., also survives. Mrs. Hooper came to Rock Island in 1868, and to Davenport in

1873 and had been a resident of this city for 41 years. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for more than 60 years. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 3 p. m. from the family residence at 704 East Fourteenth street. Friends of the family are invited to attend the services at the home. Burial will be private.

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